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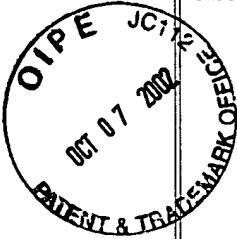
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2002. The period for response has been extended one month to October 5, 2002, by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith. Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, and ending at page 5, line 11, with the following:

b) the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in Figure 2A

(SEQ ID NO: 6) from residues 1-322 or from residues 47-322 or as set forth in Figure

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